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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources ("DOER"), acting under statutory authority of Section 11F of Chapter 25A of the General Laws, and in conformance with Chapter 30A of the General Laws, is holding a public hearing on proposed amendments to portions of 225 CMR 15 Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Class II. The Regulation requires retail electricity suppliers serving load in Massachusetts to meet a Minimum Standard (percentage) of their retail load with qualified, pre-1998 renewable and waste energy generation sources. The RPS program began in 2002, and RPS Class II for pre-1998 generation sources was added in 2009 pursuant to the Green Communities Act of 2008. The proposed amendments address the following: 1) change the Class II Minimum Standard to reduce the program reliance on ACP; 2) increase of the eligible hydro capacity from 5 to 7.5 MW in accordance with statutory change; 3) include biomass provisions from Class I regulation; and 4) adjust the banking provision for Waste Energy Certificates to avoid perpetual oversupply in that fixed supply/demand market.

A public hearing will be conducted to receive verbal and written comments on the proposed regulations.

Location: 100 Cambridge Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room B, Boston, MA 02114

Date: March 21, 2014, 10:00am-12:00pm

Oral and written testimony will be accepted at the hearing; however, parties are requested to provide written copies of their testimony. Written comments will be accepted beginning on February 25, 2014 and ending at 5 pm on March 26, 2014. Please submit written comments to Michael Judge, via mail to the Department of Energy Resources, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 1020, Boston, MA 02114, or electronically to doer.rps@state.ma.us. Copies of the proposed regulations may be obtained from the DOER website www.mass.gov/doer or by contacting Michael Judge at Michael.Judge@state.ma.us.

BY ORDER OF: Mark Sylvia, Commissioner
Department of Energy Resources.